

Mrs. Geraldine Price Childress Bagley has lived with conviction, genuine faith, and dignity for the past century. Through her 100 years, she says, "God is faithful."

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join my wife, Jeanie, and I, along with the people of Colorado's Fifth Congressional District, in honoring an outstanding patriot, friend, and prayer warrior, Mrs. Geraldine Price Childress Bagley, for a lifetime of dedicated service to her family, her community, and her Nation. God has blessed her for over 100 years, and for that, and the lives she has touched, we can only say, To God be the glory.

#### RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF EVANS

##### HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Evans, New York on its bicentennial anniversary.

The Town of Evans, New York was founded on March 31, 1821, when the Legislature of New York State proposed and passed an Act for the purpose of establishing the Town of Evans. The Town of Evans has a rich history, and I am honored to represent it in Congress.

The Town of Evans was named after David Ellicott Evans who served as an agent for the Holland Land Company. He worked dutifully for the Holland Land Company, emphasizing the importance of respecting the pioneers that settled the lands. Mr. Evans' unwavering kindness towards the pioneers and everyone he encountered prompted the State Legislature to name the town in his honor.

Many great businesses and businesspeople have hailed from the Town of Evans, including Willis Haviland Carrier, the inventor of modern air conditioning. From Evans' Village of Angola, Carrier crafted a temperature-controlled future that countless people around the world continue to rely on today.

Today, the Town of Evans is a robust, generational farming community with livestock, maple syrup, horticulture, and commercial crop farms that provide essential goods to local residents and surrounding communities. Located on Lake Erie and south of the City of Buffalo, the town also offers 12 miles of scenic coastline. Residents enjoy the town's numerous parks and beaches, as well as Sturgeon Point Marina which serves as a key launch for boaters and fisherman on the lake. Nature trails and picturesque sunsets over Lake Erie attract visitors from all over the country.

I thank the Town of Evans for its commitment to preserving 200 years of history, and I again congratulate the town on its bicentennial anniversary.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF  
GEORGE CRANWELL "CRAN"  
MONTGOMERY

##### HON. TIM BURCHETT

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the life of Ambassador George Cranwell Montgomery, who passed away on June 14 at the age of 76. Many people addressed him as "Mr. Ambassador," but to friends in Knoxville or to colleagues near and far, he was simply known as "Cran."

Cran was born and raised in Knoxville before heading to school at the University of Virginia. Following his graduation in 1966, Cran was commissioned into the Navy for 6 years and served as a Commander in Vietnam. He remained in the Navy Reserves until 1994, when he retired as a Captain.

After his military service, Cran earned a degree from Vanderbilt University Law School and started working for Tennessee Senator Howard Baker, Jr. Cran worked for Senator Baker while he was Senate Minority and Majority Leader, advising him on matters related to foreign policy and national security.

Cran gained experience and knowledge on Middle East foreign policy while working for Senator Baker, leading President Ronald Reagan to nominate Cran for U.S. Ambassador to Oman. Cran's nomination was successful and he served as Ambassador to Oman from 1985 to 1989. He then moved back to Washington to practice international law at the Baker Donelson law firm. When he retired, Cran and his wife Carol returned to East Tennessee to spend time in his beloved home state surrounded by his loved ones.

Cran was a brave military veteran, dedicated public servant, and a valuable member of the east Tennessee community. He leaves behind his wife, Carol; his daughter, Eryn; and many other loved ones who will remember him fondly. I thank him for the many ways he served our country throughout his life.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REV. DR. ROGER RAYMOND FISCHER

##### HON. GUY RESCENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Mr. RESCENTHALER. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Rev. Dr. Roger Raymond Fischer, who passed away on July 1, 2021.

A native of Washington, Pennsylvania, Rev. Fischer graduated from Washington High School in 1959. He attended Washington and Jefferson College in 1963, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Physics. Later in life, he earned an honorary Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater.

At the age of 25, Rev. Fischer was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 47th District, serving ten consecutive terms from 1966 to 1988. He was one of the youngest members elected in the history of the General Assembly, and served as Chairman of the House Education Committee and on the State Board of Education. After his re-

tirement, Rev. Fischer became President of the Association of Retired Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate Members, sharing his wisdom with current legislators for nine terms. A dedicated citizen, he voted in every primary and general election from 1962 until the time of his death, which earned him a place in the Pennsylvania Voter Hall of Fame.

After serving honorably as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, Rev. Fischer was still determined to contribute to our Nation's defense. He accepted a commission as a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, while continuing to work tirelessly for his community in the legislature. Rev. Fischer also gave back to his fellow veterans through his work with American Legion Post 175.

Following his time as a legislator, Rev. Fischer felt a call from God to pursue ministry, earning a master's degree with honors from the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg in 1991. In 1998, he was granted a Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Rev. Fischer was ordained on January 13th, 1990, at First Lutheran Church, Washington, and went on to serve several churches in southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The last congregations he served were Calvary Lutheran in Scenery Hill, Buena Vista Presbyterian, and Hyland Brotheran.

Throughout his life, Rev. Fischer was dedicated to fitness and endurance. He finished the Ironman Triathlon not once, but twice. Rev. Fischer ran multiple marathons across the U.S. and, at the age of 74, added the Disney World Marathon to his list. He elected to bike across America and hiked the entire 2,174.1-mile Appalachian Trail. Well-traveled after discovering the passion with his wife of 48 years, Kitty, Rev. Fischer could proudly say he visited every continent except Antarctica.

Madam Speaker, Rev. Dr. Roger Raymond Fischer led an incredibly accomplished life, one marked by dedication to God, community, and country. I have no doubt his legacy will live on in his community and across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A BILL TO REQUIRE THE DIRECTOR OF THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY TO RESIDE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

##### HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce a bill to require the Directors of the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia (CSOSA) and the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency (PSA) to reside in the District of Columbia during their tenure.

CSOSA is an independent Federal agency that supervises offenders only in D.C. PSA is an independent agency within CSOSA that supervises defendants only in D.C. This bill would not apply to those already in office upon enactment.

Congress has justifiably required that certain Federal officials live in the jurisdiction they serve to ensure in-depth knowledge of the unique issues and challenges residents and these Federal officials face, but these Federal officials serving the District are not required to do so. There is no reason that the Directors of CSOSA and PSA, Federal agencies that uniquely serve D.C. residents, should not be required to live in the District, engage with local communities and work closely with local officials. Adding residency requirements for these Federal officials is a matter of fairness for the residents they serve.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

#### CONGRATULATING CHRIS NILSEN

#### HON. DUSTY JOHNSON

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate University of South Dakota alum Chris Nilsen for placing first in the pole vault at the U.S. Olympic Trials and qualifying for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

During the Trials, Chris made his first six attempts, clearing both the Olympic standard and the championship clinching height without a miss. He currently ranks fifth in the world heading into the Games. His success at the Trials is just one of the many impressive feats in his pole-vaulting career.

As a Coyote, Chris was a three-time NCAA Champion and seven-time All-American. He was also named USTFCCCA National Field Athlete of the Year. He graduated from USD in 2020.

This is not the first time Chris Nilsen will represent USD and the U.S. on the big stage. In 2019, he won gold at the Pan American Games. He also represented the U.S. at the 2017 World Championships and qualified for the 2016 Olympic Trials at the age of 18.

I want to congratulate Chris on winning the event and punching his ticket to Tokyo. I look forward to cheering him and the rest of Team USA on at the Olympic Games.

#### PROCLAMATION TO HONOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OPAL LEE

#### HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, few can be heralded as being the impetus for one of this country's national holidays. Fort Worth's own Opal Lee is one such person. It is not an overstatement to say that without Opal Lee, June 19 would not have been made a national holiday. Juneteenth, as it is known, now is. Invited by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., Opal Lee stood next to him in the White House on June 17 as the President signed into law the legislation making June 19 a Federal holiday; and she's been jetting, literally, around the country ever since to be recognized for this monumental achievement.

Opal Lee has committed much of her life to celebrating June 19, the day in 1865, when

Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that enslaved Africans were now free. Quoting from General Orders Number 3, Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger announced that "[t]he people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. . . ."

Opal Lee has been the face of Juneteenth in Fort Worth for decades. By the early 2000s, she began advocating for making Juneteenth a national holiday. And in 2016, at age 90, she started a walking campaign across the Nation to bring attention to and awareness of the need for a National Day of Observance for Juneteenth. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States.

Opal Lee is a graduate of the Historic I.M. Terrell High School, class of 1943. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1953, from Wiley College, now Wiley University. She returned to Fort Worth to teach at Amanda McCoy Elementary School for 15 years, where she was regarded as one of the best educators in her field. She later obtained her master's degree in Counseling and Guidance from North Texas State University, now University of North Texas, and served as Home/School Counselor for Fort Worth Independent School District until her retirement in 1977.

With Lenora Rolla, another of Fort Worth's legendary icons and treasures, as its inspiration, Opal Lee, along with 19 other charter members, founded the Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society in the 1970s. The Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society is dedicated to archiving and preserving the historical contributions of Fort Worth and Tarrant County's Black citizens to be able to educate and empower future generations through art, history, and culture.

Opal Lee's long and varied service to Fort Worth also includes serving on the Historic & Cultural Landmarks Commission, AIDS Outreach committee, Evans Avenue Business Association, and Riverside Neighborhood Advisory Council, among many others. For more than 30 years, Lee has served as Precinct Chair for District 8. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated; the Grandmother's Club; the Ethel Ransom Humanitarian & Cultural Club and remains an active member of Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where she serves as a Missionary, church school teacher, assistant teacher and Deaconess. That is why I am honored to have her as my constituent in Texas' 33rd District, and proud to honor her as a Civil Rights leader for North Texas.

#### HONORING U.S. NAVY CAPTAIN JEFF CHISM

#### HON. JULIA BROWNLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 9, 2021*

Ms. BROWNLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize a true American leader and patriot, Captain Jeff Chism, on the occasion of his retirement after 26 years of honorable service in the United States Navy.

A native of Tigard, Oregon, Captain Jeff Chism is a distinguished graduate of Biola

University, the University of Southern California, the Graziadio School of Business at Pepperdine University, and the Naval War College. Captain Chism earned his commission in the U.S. Navy through the University of California, Los Angeles Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps program. He is a designated Naval Flight Officer, Prowler Tactics Instructor, and operationally flew in the EA-6B Prowler and the EA-18G Growler.

Captain Chism's sea duty assignments included the "Black Ravens" of VAQ-135; the "Garudas" of VAQ-134; the Balkans Combined Air Operations Center Electronic Warfare Coordination Cell (EWCC) Vicenza, Italy; and the CENTCOM Combined Theater EWCC at the USAFCENT Combined Air Operations Center, Qatar.

During these tours, he deployed aboard the USS *Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) in support of Operations DESERT FOX and SOUTHERN WATCH; a combat flying deployment to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, in support of Operation NORTHERN WATCH; two combat flying deployments to Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan, in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM; and two individual augmentee deployments first in support of Operations JOINT FORGE and JOINT GUARDIAN and then Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, IRAQ FREEDOM, and NEW DAWN.

Ashore, he served with the "Bloodhounds" of VX-30; as Commander, U.S. THIRD FLEET (J7); and with the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisitions and Sustainment Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Tactical Warfare Systems.

Captain Chism also Commanded the "Zappers" of VAQ-130. During this tour, he deployed aboard the USS *Harry S Truman* (CVN 75) in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Under his command, the squadron earned the 2013 Commander Naval Air Forces Pacific Fleet Battle "E", 2013 Commander Naval Air Forces Admiral Arthur W. Radford Award, and 2013 Chief of Naval Operations Safety "S."

Captain Chism's personal decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal (fifteen Strike/Flight awards), Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), Air Force Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), and various campaign and unit awards.

In June 2018, Captain Chism assumed his duties as commanding officer of Naval Base Ventura County, located in California's 26th Congressional District. With great distinction, he dutifully oversaw a diverse installation that supports more than 80 tenant commands with a base population of more than 19,000 personnel, including the Naval Construction Group ONE—also known as the "Seabees."

Captain Chism's career at Naval Base Ventura County has been underscored by his exemplary leadership, perceptive planning, and focus on both mission execution and community engagement. These efforts were clearly demonstrated by Captain Chism's remarkable command of major aviation, shore, and port facilities, comprised of three primary sites: Point Mugu, Port Hueneme, and San Nicolas Island.

Captain Chism also directed the day-to-day operations at the base, providing comprehensive support services to the Fleet, Fighter, and Family. He also directed diverse installation